Beverly Hills

Beverly Hills, Dec. 13.- Mrs. Otten Moore gave a shower to honor Mrs. Arthur Moore at home Saturday night. Many of this neighborhood attended.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rifall, of Prospect visited Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Booker over the week-end.

Miss Cartell Phelps, of Lynchburg was a week-end ghest of her sister, Mrs. Marvin Reynolds.

Miss Hawceda Moore has returned home after a week's visit in Lynchburg with her sister, Miss Riley Moore.

A new general store was opened in this vicinity last week. It is owned and run by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Allen. Mrs. Allen was the former Alice Harris.

D. A. Conner, Syd Conner and Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Booker were dinner guests at the Goodloe Hunt Club's last Friday night.

Stonewall

Stonewall, Dec. 14.- Well, we are all looking for old Santa to come and fill our stocking, and we don't want a hole in the toe, either.

Lots of farmers have killed hogs and the locker at Appomattox has lightened the housekeeper's work over the meat.

Rev. W. T. Williams, the pastor, will preach at Stonewall Presbyterian Church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Everyone has a cordial invitation.

Rev. G. E. Hughes will preach at Hebron Baptist Church next Sunday night at seven o'clock. Everyone welcome.

Mrs. J. H. Beard has returned home from Lynchburg, where she was called by the illness of her husband. He is improving at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Howlette Drinkard and family visited his grandmother, Mrs. Lillie Drinkard, last Saturday night. She is on the sick list. We hope she will be well when old Santa comes.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and son, Lawrence visited his father, J. H. Beard, last Sunday.

J. P. Alvis, Sr., continues very ill at his home near here.

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BLOUNTSTOWN, FLA.—Florida is not all sunny beaches, sparkling ocean and wealthy merchants with hand outstretched for the tourist dollar.

In north Florida, far from the lucrative tourist marts to the south, hundreds of families depend upon the earthworm for a livelihood.

These crackers call their enterprise "grunting" and some worm brokers are coining up to $6,000 annually.

Contrary to popular belief, good fishing worms can't be found in an old back-yard.

Anglers have given up the early morning search for worms. They stop at a gas station on the way to the fishing place and stock up with bait already packaged in cardboard containers.

Blountstown is the center of the worm industry. Most of the "grunting" is done by children, who get 15 cents to 25 cents per hundred worms for their labor.

The method is simple. The crews rub old automobile spring leaves over hardwood pegs driven into the ground. The vibration brings the crawlers scurrying out of their holes.

Andrew Coxwell, veteran grubber, sells on an average of 20,000 worms a week, collecting anywhere from 50 cents to 65 cents per hundred wholesale and 75 cents to $1 retail.

He has the "worm rights" on 900 acres of land, for which he pays the owner 10 cents for every 100 worms dug up. The owner's not complaining. He paid $3,500 for the acreage and in the first year his take was $1,500 just from worm operations.

Missouri River Plays Hide And Seek With Home Owner

OMAHA, NEB. — Missouri river played a "now you see it, now you don't" trick on Rex Elwood of Omaha.

Elwood owned a two-story house on the west bank of Sweson island in the Missouri river opposite Fort Calhoun. It was there one day; the next day it wasn't.

A tenant, Mike Lamb, told Elwood he moved out when churning waters of the "Big Muddy" began nibbling at a corner of the foundation.

Six months ago the river was 200 yards from Elwood's property.

"Now," he said sadly, "I own a good section of river bottom."

He attributed the loss to the diversion of the main channel near the head of the island.

Joe Cannon's 'Bargain' Coat Brings Very Little Profit

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Uncle Joe Cannon, former speaker of the house, was a notoriously shabby dresser.

Thinking that he should dress up to his position, his sister tried to persuade him to buy a new overcoat, so, finally, one day on his way to the capitol, he stopped in a clothing store, priced garments and found overcoats for $35 each. Indignantly he marched out, announcing he could not be that extravagant.

When the late Senator Watson, who was present, reported this to Cannon's sister that evening, she secretly handed him $15 with the request that he visit the store and slip it surreptitiously to the overcoat man, thereby automatically reducing the price to $20. She then persuaded Uncle Joe to stop again and price the garment, which he did. Discovering the cost was now $20 instead of $35, he bought one and wore it to his office on the hill. One of his confreres, impressed, saw it and went home, reporting the developments to his sister, much to her dismay.

Sniff Expert Called to Help Police Solve Perfume Puzzle

ATLANTA.—Samples of a perfume cache believed to be worth $30,000 to $50,000 were on the way to New York for evaluation by a "professional sniffer."

Detective Sgt. Bill Lyle said the police hope an expert can determine the actual value of the perfume and perhaps tell where it was manufactured.

The perfume—300 4½-ounce bottles — was found in an Atlanta hotel room. Lyle said local perfume dealers believe the unlabeled bottles contain an expensive perfume made in France. They estimated its value at from $17.50 to $22 an ounce, but referred police to a New York expert.

The detective said the perfume was found in a room rented to a man who paid his hotel bill but left town owing other bills totaling $90.

Lyle theorized that the perfume was smuggled into this country since no tax stamps were on the bottles.

Buddha in Tibet Will Wear Robes From South Dakota

DEADWOOD, S. D.—Just because the fur isn't flying in the distant Himalayas, even though the Russians are involved, the dalai lama is considering setting up official diplomatic relations between the United States and Tibet.

It's all because the Reds have slapped an economic-religious blockade on Buddhist faithful in the Kamchatka peninsula, preventing them from sending white beaver pelts to Koko Nor—the Buddhist "vatican" near Lhassa, where the dalai lama holds court. And as a result, the "living Buddha" is in danger of getting shabby, since his ceremonial robes are traditionally made of the fur of the rare animal.

Now word has leaked—doubtless by some capitalist agent—that the white beaver is not only to be found in the mountainous interior of the Kamchatka. There are white beavers also in the Black Hills of South Dakota. The Tibetan economic mission now in the United States has, therefore, put in an order, and a first shipment of pelts from Deadwood, S. D., is being eagerly awaited at Lhassa.

The pelts will go in by muleback —there are no airfields. But, at least since the war, Tibetans do know that there are airplanes. Some yak hunters had previously reported flying machines which they had tried unsuccessfully to shoot down with their crossbows.

The trade relations between Lhassa and Deadwood, S. D., will be sealed from the Tibetan end with elevi-sword of the Marshall plan not yet having penetrated the Himalayan peaks.

Pennsylvania Town Looks For Cannonball Buyers

LINESVILLE, PA. — Would you have any use for a second-hand cannonball of Civil war vintage?

This little Crawford county community has a dozen or so nobody seems to want and any reasonable offer will be considered.

They've been kicking around the town for years, the park and elsewhere. They came to light the other day when the street commissioner, rummaging around in Town Hall basement, stumbled over them.

They've been put up at auction but the best offer so far has been six cents each. What do we hear?

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Father Darkleaf's Column

by chr

Father Darkleaf had a birthday Tuesday. Getting along into the "leading forties," too. Checking up on other December 21 celebrants, we found it to be the birthday of Joe Stalin. But, nearer home, it was also the birthday of Trial Justice Charles F. P. Crawley's young son. Any others? Seems like Postmaster LeRoy Smith has a birthday on or near Christmas Day.

Back over twenty years ago when this writer began his career in journalism, it was as a writer with the Eastern Shore News, at Onancock, on Virginia's fabulous Eastern Shore. We thought we had our hand in a bit of a paper there, and it really was about tops among Virginia weekly newspapers. Thirty and thirty-eight page issue were our meat and we seldom ran less than twenty pages—and that for a town of only 1,500 population. Well, after our editor left there for the greener fields of old Appomattox, the Eastern Shore News kept right on growing. It now has the largest circulation of any weekly newspaper in the South: some 9,000. And in the past month or so has been running forty-eight to fifty-six page issues. Personally, we think it is the nation's best all-around weekly. And now comes the news that after the first of the year Eastern Shore News will be the DAILY News. This great paper is a monument to the life's work of one man: John T. Borum, who with his fine wife, have built an institution that is a real credit to Virginia journalism. So here's a toast to Santa Claus: bring continued success to John and Thelma!

And now comes the time for us to give credit where credit is due: to a small group of correspondents whose weekly news letters make the Eastern Shore "one of our America's great institutions," and in and week out, year after year, it is the "rural correspondent" who makes the weekly paper what it is. Without these newsy letters concerning the weekly doings in communities that do not exist, Your editor has always believed that the greatest story he could put in his paper would be this: "Mr. and Mrs. John Doe spent Sun ay with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Roe." Add to the fine people who send in news of their communities. We think they are the salt of the earth.

Note that there is less and less use of the abbreviation "Xmas" in the word Christmas. We never like the use of Xmas.

The more "words of praise" we hear said. First, thanks to the good work at the Appomattox Post Office for the fine manner in which the volume of business has benefited this year. Second, we congratulate Appomattox merchants on the places for their very attractive holiday decorations they have had. The stores looked better than we have ever seen them. And the trade has been good this year.

Welcome to a lot of new readers—a record number of subscriptions were received this year, and we are welcoming many new homes starting with this holiday issue.

Appomattox is a growing town.

Read the Classified ad.

Subscription rate: $1.50 a year.

Several papers in Germany get out Taft set to fight for control

Labor care recognized as important defense.

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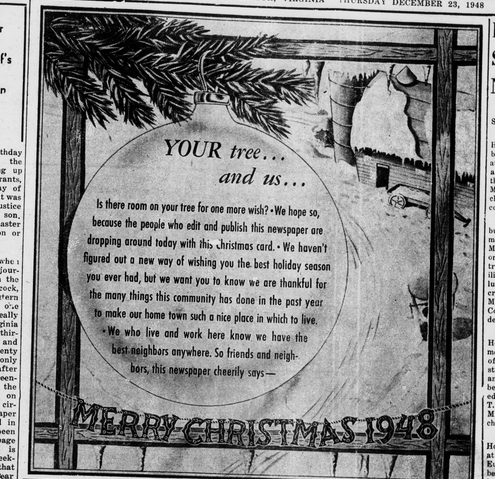
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and us...
Is there room on your tree for one more wish? • We hope so, because the people who edit and publish this newspaper are dropping around today with this Christmas card. • We haven't figured out a new way of wishing you the best holiday season you ever had, but we want you to know we are thankful for the many things this community has done in the past year to make our home town such a nice place in which to live. • We who live and work here know we have the best neighbors anywhere. So friends and neighbors, this newspaper cheerily says—
MERRY CHRISTMAS 1948

Quail Study At Tech

QUAIL POPULATIONS STUDIED AT TECH

"Conservative harvesting" of quail in early winter appears to have no effect on populations the following spring, first-year studies at VPI indicate.

The studies, conducted by the Virginia Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit on the college farm, showed that harvesting part of the quail apparently removes only those that would have been removed anyway by weather, predators, and other natural causes. Dr. H. S. Mosby, director of the unit, explains that during the studies, 39 per cent of the December quail population was removed from one area of the farm by shooting. On another area, the quail were not disturbed. A check in January showed 41 quail in six coveys on the first area, and 53 quail in 5 coveys on the second. Between January and April quail in the harvested area suffered a 48.8 per cent mortality. In the undisturbed area this figure was upped to 60.4. On April 1, both areas had a population of 21 quail.

Dr. Mosby explains that land on the college farm is classified as the "marginal or submarginal quail habitat - that it provides little cover and food for wildlife, and that mortality figures are high.

As in previous tests, the male turned out to be the hardier sex as far as winter survival was concerned. In "monogamistic" species, the female has been found to submit more readily to weather and other hardships, Dr. Mosby says. The quail practices monogamy - he has just one wife.

The studies are to be continued for five years and these results are not considered conclusive, Dr. Mosby says. This year's population was harvested the first of this month.

Shooting is done only by unit personnel under the rigid supervision of the Game Commission, the director said. As soon as possible - where severe weather reduces food supplies, the remaining quail are trapped and banded.

All quail harvested are donated to hospitals.

Phone 30 with Personals.

South Korea hints at a war for unity.

Monroe Lodge Names Officers

W. Franklin Marshall was named Wor. Master of Monroe Lodge No. 301, AF & AM, at the regular communication held Monday night, December 13. Also chosen to serve as officers by the Lodge were: George P. Brannan, Sr. Warden; James E. Redding, Jr. Warden; J. C. Hudgins, Treasurer; C. S Booth, Secretary; John S. Gmels, Sr. Deacon; R. B. Haley, Jr. Deacon, R. L. Burke, Jr., Tiler; W. C. Dudley, Reporter; J. H. Lucado, Sr. Steward; C. K. Hunter, Jr. Steward, and Rev. J. Marshall Walker, Chaplain. The newly elected officers were installed by Rt.Wor.Chas F. James.

Pamplin Lodge

Pamplin, Dec. 21.- The Southside Lodge No. 191, elected officers for the new year as follows:

T. C. Ligon, worshipful master; Edward Wilson, senior warden; C. R. Canada, junior warden; T. D. Guthrie, treasurer; N. E. Farrar, secretary; E. F. Davis, tiler; E. H. Johnson, junior deacon; J. M. Inge, senior deacon.

MISS BEULAH WHITE

Miss Beulah White, of Appomattox, was recently honored at Mars Hill College, N. C., when she was admitted to the Delta Psi Omega, a national dramatic fraternity. Miss White was invited to membership after participating in several college dramatic productions. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George White and a graduate of Appomattox High School.

Finds Weatner Balloon Here

A government weather balloon, with instrument box, was found by James L. Evans Monday, at his farm on Route 1. A tag found on the box indicated that it had been released by the Weather Bureau at Greensboro, N. C. last month. Instructions called for it to be mailed to the Joliet, Illionia, Weather Bureau, and Mr. Evans mailed it Monday afternoon. The balloons are released from planes several miles high.

Postal Rush Season On

After a slow start, the annual Christmas rush at the local Post Office hit full stride this week. The office was open Sunday afternoon, and did several hours of rush business as patrons got packages and sent off stacks of greeting cards.

Although final figures will not be available until the first of the new year, it is believed that the Appomattox office broke all records for volume of business during 1948.

CHRISTMAS SEAL SALE PROGRESSES SLOWLY

Double-barred Crosses and buttons have been sold in the schools of the county, and proceeds from the sale will be added to funds received from the Christmas Seal Sale which opened November 22, and ends Christmas. Seal sales so far are reported as only fair. The public is invited to support this annual drive. Miss Annie T. Davidson is Seal Sale chairman.

U. S. Supreme Court ruling is against convicted Jap war criminals.

Bring the children to Appomattox Friday to see Santa Claus.

Radio waves beamed into earth hunt oil.

Dewey seeks rise in the housing subsidy.

Connecticutt teachers protest rule which bars Christmas gifts from pupils.

Israel says Egypt sabotaged her bid for membership in the United Nations.

Home Agent's Schedule For Next Week

Home Demonstration Agent's Schedule week of Dec. 7, Jan. 7:

Tuesday, December 28.- The Lee Home Demonstration Club will celebrate the annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. H. P. Woodson at 7:30 P. M. All members and their families are invited to attend. Members will bring gifts for exchange and prizes for games and contests.

Thursday, Dec. 30.- The Hixburg Home Demonstration Club will meet at 10:00 A. M. with Mrs. Rob Martin. The demonstrations will be on buffet meals and pies and pastries. The members and their families are invited to come for the luncheon hour and remain for recreation afterwards. Club leaders, Mrs. E. P. Sears and Mrs. R. W. Covington will have charge of the demonstration.

Tuesday, January 4.- The Lee Home Demonstration Club will meet at 10:00 A. M., at the home of Mrs. F. A. O'Brien. The demonstrations will be on buffet meals and pies and pastries. All club members and their families are expected to attend. Club leaders, Mrs. L. T. Locado, Mrs. Jessie Gordon and Mrs. W. W. Woodson will be in charge of the demonstrations.

Wed., Jan. 5.- The Glendale Home demonstration Club will meet at 2:00 P. M. at the home of Mrs. Eula Nash. The demonstration will be on pies and pastries, and will be given by club leaders, Mrs. E. W. Marshall and Mrs. Nash. All members are requested to be present.

FUNERAL OF MRS. STANLEY HELD THURSDAY

Funeral services for Mrs. Betty Simpson Stanley, 80, widow of James H. Stanley, were conducted at 3:00 o'clock Thursday afternoon from Memorial Methodist Church.

Mrs. Stanley died Wednesday afternoon after an extended illness.

Services were conducted by the Rev. R. C. Maxwell. Active pallbearers were: Ivey Holland, Paul Cawthorne, L. Crawley, T. Hunter Dickerson, R. L. Burke, Sr. and Alfred Tweedy. Interment was in the family plot in Liberty Cemetery.

JAMES C. BALDWIN

James Calvin Baldwin, 79, died at his home near Pamplin December 14, after an illness of ten days.

Born in this county, he was the son of Caleb and Emily Carwile Baldwin, and a member of Piney River Methodist Church.

In addition to his wife, Mrs. Ida Baldwin, he is survived by four sons, Calvin C., and Edward H. Baldwin, both of Pamplin; Elmo O. Baldwin, of Madison Heights, and James S. Baldwin, of Newport News; one daughter, Mrs. Odell Noble, of Richmond; and three sisters, Mrs. Martha Connley, Mrs. Betty Moore, both of Richmond; Mrs. Della Williams, of the Eastern Shore; and 24 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday at 2 P. M. at Pamplin Methodist Church. Burial was made in the family cemetery. Active pallbearers were: George Kress, Hubert Price, Swanson Anderson, C. W. Slayton, Earl Harris and Dillard Ferguson.

Many bowl football games are scheduled New Year's Day.

Greek navy bans traffic along coast.

President Truman left yesterday to spend Christmas at Independence Missouri.

Utah bus crash toll reaches 14.

Government of Great Britain sets up a four-year recovery program.

Farm wheat acreage sets a new high mark.

Athletics may make South American trip.

Northwestern to play California in Rose Bowl game.

Renew your subscription.

Boy's Choir To Sing Carols Here Friday

The Appomattox Boys Choir, a group of twelve boys, will be out in town Friday night singing Christmas Carols. At 7:30 P. M. they will sing four songs at the Town Christmas Tree. After that they will visit several sections of the town and sing a song or two at each place.

Members of the choir are: Roy Wingfield, Hugh Gurney, Andrew Gurney, Jerry George, Ronald Tegethoff, Edmund Tegethoff, Teddy Mitchell, Buddy Doss, Harold Doss, Joseph Doss, Jessie Morris and Lewis McDearmon.

PRESBYTERIAN CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Presbyterian Church Christmas program will be held at the Presbyterian Church on Thursday, December 23, at 8:00 P. M. Dr. W. Twyman Williams will be in charge of the service. Mr. Dewitt Evans will be the reader. The music will be Christmas Carols, sung by the Appomattox Boys Choir and a solo, O Holy Night, sung by Teddy Mitchell. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Lions Club Plans Annual Santa Visit

The annual Lions Club Christmas celebration, presenting Santa Claus in person, with gifts for children, will be held Christmas Eve, December 24, it has been announced by Lions Clu.

Santa Claus will [illegible] in town around 3:00 P. M. that day, riding in a "Red Jeep." He will be loaded with gifts. Come and meet him!

U. D. C. Plans Holiday Party

The U. D. C. Christmas Party will be held December 30, at 3:30 in the afternoon at "Redfields," the home of Colonel and Mrs. William Ashbitt Coleman. Mrs. Alfred Harwood, Jr. will review Harnett Kane's "Bride of Fortune." There will be a number of invited guests. Mrs. Coleman and Mrs. J. A. Burke will be joint hostesses.

Flower Shop Gets Write-up

The Flower Shop, local florists, received a news write-up in the Florists' Review, trade journal circulating widely among Florists, in its December 2 issue. The article follows:

"At Appomattox, Va., the Flower Shop marked its first Christmas in business by taking advantage of a contest for Christmas decorations for business places and home exteriors, which was sponsored by the local garden club. The shop made wreaths, door sprays and other pieces for private homes and took over the job of decorating several business places."

Mrs. Larry Young and Mrs. W. W. Burke are proprietors of the Flower Shop.

An illustration of one of their holiday decorating jobs was included in the article.

OLD BRIDGE REPLACED

A highway bridge which has served Loudoun County traffic for the past 128 years will go into retirement Christmas Day when a new bridge is opened east of Leesburg across Broad Run.

Play safe—drive carefully.

Dutch seize Indonesian capital city and top leaders.

THE CARRIER INSTEAD, IF THIS PRECAUTION [illegible] ASSIST YOU IN RECOVERING THE AMOUNT OF CLA[illegible]